

I am opposed to the proposed relaxation of the rule prohibiting the use of cellular telephones on airborne commercial aircraft.

With safety of flight no longer an issue, the question of whether to relax the rule becomes one of passenger sentiment. As a frequent flyer, I would very much dislike being on flights with numerous people around me talking on cellular telephones. In an enclosed environment, not only is it distracting to be near someone talking on their cellular phone, it is also annoying to hear cellular telephones ringing. Being in an aircraft cabin with multiple people placing and receiving calls on cellular telephones would be very unpleasant.

Allowing passengers to use cellular telephones on commercial flights is akin to former domestic airline policies that allowed smoking in flight. Both practices force passengers and flight crews to be exposed to environmental that they don't wish to be exposed to.

I urge you not to relax the current policy that prohibits the use of cellular telephones aboard commercial aircraft in flight. Thank you for your consideration.